

well-being of our country, bipartisanship can carry the day. And if and when we do disagree, we should openly and honestly discuss our differences, like statesmen.

We have not seen the last of MIKE OXLEY. Be it in a boardroom or at a Buckeye game, his presence will surely be known.

It is an honor to call MIKE OXLEY a friend, and we wish him Godspeed.

TRIBUTE TO "USS HYMAN G.
RICKOVER" SSN 709

HON. GENE TAYLOR

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the crews, past and present, of the Submarine USS *Hyman G. Rickover* (SSN 709). On the 14th of December, this vessel will be inactivated, and its name struck from the rolls of U.S. warships. The contribution of this vessel to the defense of this Nation has been second to none, yet somewhat unheralded. From the Cold War through the current War on Terrorism, she and her crew have stood the watch. The *Rickover* served as a testament to the standards of excellence inspired by her namesake, the late Admiral Rickover. The father of the nuclear Navy, Admiral Rickover instilled a culture of technical excellence and individual responsibility in the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program that continues to this day.

I would also like to commend the sponsor of this ship—Mrs. Eleonore Rickover, for her years of faithful support to the crew. She struck a chord at the ship's christening, when she said, "In the name of the United States, I christen thee *Hyman G. Rickover*. May God bless her and all who sail in her, and may God bless their families and loved ones, for they also serve who only stand and wait." Mrs. Rickover lived up to those words in the years since that day with generous and heartfelt support of the sailors and families of *Rickover*. Going far beyond an occasional appearance, she embraced the ship and her crew—interested, involved and caring. Her service was a fitting testament to the legacy of pride and service left by her husband, ADM Rickover, to the Naval nuclear power program, and the entire U.S. Navy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating this exceptional Naval warship; her crew and their families; their sponsor, Mrs. Eleonore Rickover, and the man who brought our Navy nuclear propulsion, Admiral Hyman G. Rickover.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND WILLIAM AND MARJORIE BUEHLER

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize 50 years spent together by Rev. William and Marjorie Buehler in marriage and in service to those in need.

Since their marriage to each other began, the Buehlers have shown complete dedication

not only to themselves but to several communities of central Mexico. As Presbyterian missionaries, William and Marjorie worked tirelessly to bring schools, running water, and inoculation centers to those who previously had absolutely no access to these resources, living in isolated villages in the State of Oaxaca.

Upon their return to the United States, the Buehlers established themselves close to the heart of Arizona, in Superior, where they soon became favored residents of the area. Reverend Buehler worked admirably as the pastor of two churches in the community, and for his efforts to improve the health of residents and the local environment, was honored with Superior's Man of the Year award. Marjorie Buehler also served Superior at that time as an elementary educator.

Even after retirement, the list of achievements accumulated by the Buehlers continued to grow and bring optimism and hope to those they served. Recognizing critical issues rising along the border of Arizona and Mexico, the Buehlers endeavored to establish border missionaries to address the needs of workers facing tragic conditions in maquiladora factories located in the dangerous region.

To this day, they continue to do volunteer work at Tucson's Primavera Homeless Shelter, and the Tucson Historical Society. It is a fitting tribute to honor these two lives dedicated to the less fortunate of the world, while cultivating a lasting marriage and family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 528: waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, and for other purposes, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

WILLIAM GREEN NOTES VITAL IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on November 23, William D. Green, chairman and CEO of Accenture, published a very important article in the Boston Globe on the vital role of two-year colleges. As Mr. Green notes, "America's system of junior and community colleges has proved to be powerful and very effective in preparing students for success at 4-year colleges and beyond." Mr. Green speaks from very relevant experience, both as someone who himself attended Dean College, a 2-year school in Franklin, Massachusetts, and as a leader in American business. He thus understands the importance of community colleges both as one who benefited from a community college education and one who now draws on community college graduates, among others, to staff his important company.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Green does note one trend that I think we should all be trying to overcome—namely, that "state support (of community colleges and junior colleges) continues to decline." Many people with whom I have discussed the problem of inequality in America have noted that the most important thing to do to help close that gap is to increase educational opportunity. I profess to be somewhat skeptical that this is going to do as much as many argue, but that is no reason not to go forward with increased educational opportunity as much as we can. And this will not happen if we allow "state support (to) continue to decline" for these schools. They are an essential avenue for young people from families that are not affluent to begin achieving a college education.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will read Mr. Green's words and accept the relevance of what he says to our job of increasing public support for higher education. I am grateful to Mr. Green for sharing his experiences with us on this important point.

[From the Boston Globe, Nov. 23, 2006]

THE VITAL ROLE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

(By William D. Green)

Americans finally have an issue on which they can all agree. If the country hopes to sharpen its competitive edge, it will take a significant investment in education, especially math and science. America must also boost their analytical thinking to address challenges and innovate in business and society.

Often overlooked and under appreciated, not unlike the people who attend them, these colleges can help enhance the Nation's competitiveness, improve the skills of the workforce, and contribute to a more fulfilling life for millions of citizens.

The son of a plumber and a school secretary in western Massachusetts, I had the good fortune to attend Dean College, a two-year residential college in Franklin. My two years at Dean focused me, taught me to appreciate the value of continuing my education, and provided me with the foundation for building a career in global business.

America's system of junior and community colleges has proved to be powerful and very effective in preparing students for success at four-year colleges and beyond. The potential of these institutions to raise the game of those who attend and to enhance our Nation's competitiveness is clear.

The challenge is to keep community colleges and junior colleges strong at a time when State support continues to decline. Many who have chosen to attend a junior or community college have found that the experience can lead to exciting places. Graduates can be found in Congress and on the judicial bench. They've flown aboard the space shuttle, commanded troops, and written for major publications. Some, like me, run large corporations.

These colleges mirror the communities they serve. They enable students to continue their education at an affordable cost, develop careers in a range of fields that is expanding all the time, and, more frequently nowadays, change careers to find greater job satisfaction and fulfillment.

In healthcare alone, nearly two-thirds of the industry's new workers have studied at community colleges. As the number of baby boomers who are near or at retirement age swells and the need for healthcare services grows, community colleges will fill an important gap in the workforce.

In addition to teaching people new skills, junior and community colleges often help students learn how to learn—to gain the